

Bryan on June 9 and published on June 10. As soon as he saw it, Roosevelt who was in Louisiana at the time, gave out the following from Breton Island, on June 11, 1915:

"According to Mr. Bryan's statement, he has left the Cabinet because President Wilson, as regards the matters at issue with Germany, refuses to follow the precedent set in the thirty all-inclusive arbitration commission treaties recently negotiated, and declines to suspend action for a year, while a neutral commission investigates the admitted murder of American men, women and children on the high seas, and further declines to forbid American citizens to travel on neutral ships in accordance with the conditions guaranteed to us by Germany herself in solemn treaty.

"Of course I heartily applaud the decision of the President, and in common with all other Americans who are loyal to the traditions handed down by the men who served under Washington, and by the others who followed Grant and Lee in the days of Lincoln, I pledged him my heartiest support in all the steps he takes to uphold the honor and the interests of this great Republic which are bound up with the maintenance of democratic liberty and of a wise spirit of humanity among all the nations of mankind."

To one of the younger generation of earnest and able writers in whom he took a warm personal interest, Julian Street, he wrote on June 23, 1915:

"Washington, Andrew Jackson, Lincoln and Grant have occupied exactly the right position as regards our duty in

international affairs; and Jefferson, Buchanan
and Wilson
exactly the wrong position. The way to help
us in the
concrete to do what is right is to point out in
the concrete
the men at the head of affairs who do what is
wrong. The
War of 1812 was for us at best a draw and
was fulfilled
with humiliation and disgrace because of
Jefferson's atti-
tude and above all because Jefferson's
attitude represented
the American attitude. If men like
Washington had been
in charge of this government for the first
sixteen years of
the nineteenth century the War of 1812 would
have been an